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CBE for Gawsworth Resident

Juliette White, a Gawsworth resident for 18 years has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire alongside seven of her fellow AstraZeneca colleagues in The Queen's Birthday Honours List 2021.

They were recognised for their outstanding achievements in UK life sciences, manufacturing and supporting the UK

and Global response to the current pandemic. Juliette said to the Gawsworth Gazette "I am truly humbled and honoured by the recognition which is for everyone with AZ. Throughout this extraordinary time I am incredibly proud of what AZ and all my colleagues have been able to do".

Congratulations Juliette and 'Thank you' to you



and all AstraZeneca employees living in Gawsworth and worldwide.

Flowerpot Junction Changes

Cheshire East Council is planning improvements to the Flowerpot Junction in Macclesfield to increase capacity and ease congestion. The proposed improvements include a new dedicated right turn from Ivy Lane

to Congleton Road, a new dedicated left turn from Park Lane into Congleton Road and a new dedicated left turn lane from Oxford Road onto Park Lane. Alongside the improvements for

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vehicles a raft of changes are planned for cyclist and pedestrians, including new and reconfigured crossings.

CEC is seeking feedback on its proposals via its website: CEC Flowerpot Junction Webpage.

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Rising Sun development moves forward

Preparations are kicking off for a site known as 'LPS15' which is earmarked under the Cheshire East Council Local Plan for the development of around 300 houses, including affordable homes plus business sites.

Residents noticed activity which looked like surveyors and now the Parish Council has been invited to a consultation meeting with two builders, Redrow Homes and Jones Homes.

As well as national and Cheshire East planning rules the Parish Council will be determined to ensure that the recently approved Gawsworth Neighbourhood Plan is taken fully into account in the design of the development.

An update following the council's meeting with the developers will be featured next month.

Pavement Parking Problems

Wheelchair users in Gawsworth are encountering problems with motorists parking on pavements blocking their way. Not only is this extremely inconsiderate but it is also illegal and could lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued.

The motorists' association, the RAC, advises people to use common sense and only park on the pavement where parking wholly on the road would



stop other cars, and particularly emergency vehicles, from getting through. They say "If your parking would cause wheelchair users or people with prams to have to walk into the road, then you should find somewhere else to park."

Gawsworth Prosecution Soc.

Extracts from Macclesfield Courier newspapers 1814/15 were recently published on the popular 'Macclesfield Memories' Facebook Page. Included was an article on the "Gawsworth and Bosley Association for the Apprehension and Prosecution of Felons".

Before the creation of public police forces in 1829, rural communities

formed mutual subscription societies to prosecute criminals.

These organizations of local citizens paid dues to cover costs of privately prosecuting offenders rather than relying on public prosecutors. You might recognise a few familiar local names amongst the Gawsworth subscribers.

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Association offered rewards for information leading to conviction. Five guineas for a capital offence and three guineas for an offence leading to transportation. Hanging offences in 1814 included shoplifting, sheep, cattle and horse stealing, sacrilege, forgery, arson, burglary and theft from a dwelling house.

Remarkably the reward offered by the Gawsworth Association for information on cutting down trees in plantations was also 5 guineas!

Community Governance Review

Cheshire East Council's Full Council meeting approved the commencement of a consultation on the proposed parish boundary changes.

Despite the Parish Council making representations to the Community Governance

Postman Robin Retires



Gawsworth's popular postman Robin Emery has retired after 8 years delivering in the village and a total of 32 years working for Royal Mail. Robin reckons he's walked about 14,500 miles around our streets and 54,000 miles throughout his career - that's more than twice round the world!

With his friendly chat and smile nothing was too much trouble for Robin. He has been a very special postie and a valued member of our community. Lunch was invariably a ham salad bap with mayo bought at the Community Shop.

Robin told the Gazette that it had been a pleasure delivering in Gawsworth. "You are a fantastic community and you don't get many like that nowadays" he added.

He was selected by residents as a Gawsworth Lockdown Hero and more accolades have been rolling in on social media since he announced his retirement. We'll miss you Robin and we wish you a long and happy retirement. A huge 'Thank You' from us all.

Community Governance Review (cont)

Review Sub-Committee in April, the consultation will include the proposal to move a large part of the parish around Penningtons Lane into Macclesfield.

The start of the -> consultation has not yet been set by Cheshire East Council, but it will run for three months.

The Parish Council will ensure residents are informed of the consultation when it starts.

Gawsworth Shop News

We are now in the sixteenth month of our new reality created by the pandemic but there is light at the end of the tunnel following this stressful time.

In July we will begin to deliver many of the planned benefits of our new Community Hub. On Thursday 8th July,

we will open the Hub to safely enable for up to six people to sit indoors and ten people outside. Janet and our volunteers look forward to welcoming you to the Hub soon.

If you are working from home, take an hour off to escape from your computer screen to enjoy some refreshments in the Hub. Why not invite a friend to join you for a tasty snack, a drink and a chat? If you must bring your laptop, you can use our WiFi so that you don't miss anything important!

Similarly, if you simply want to get out of the house and enjoy the company of old friends, or make new friends, why not drop into the Hub for a drink and a natter. If you are at home with young children, here's a great location to meet friends and enjoy some adult company whilst your youngsters play with toys/stickers/books available in the Hub. We now have an accessible toilet and baby changing facility!

Every Thursday and Friday from 8th July the Shop and Hub will stay open until 4pm. So if you are on the school pick-up run why not drop in for a drink and catch up with the local news. Over the next few months, when it is safe to do so, we will increase the activities available at the Hub. Watch this space for details.

Janet's quiz/word search will become a bi-weekly activity. She is keen to recruit volunteers to prepare the future quizzes. Please let her know if you are interested to help.

Finally, after four excellent years of service we must sadly say goodbye to our Supervisor, Shonna Allan, who is leaving us on 9th July to pursue an exciting new opportunity. Shonna's presence and contribution will be greatly missed by many customers and volunteers, but we wish her well in her new adventure.